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April 19, 1989

SUBJECT: Research Leaders Meeting - 1989

TO: RLS/LDs/CDs
SPA

FROM: F. P. Horn
Area Director

As you know, we have scheduled our 1989 Research Leaders Meeting for November 6-9 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. As a part of the initial planning process it is important to reflect on last year's proceedings. Back in December 1988 you provided critical input and I am now returning a summary of comments from all participants. The results are revealing but generally positive in nature. This information coupled with recommendations from a program planning committee and our headquarters participants will form the basis for another strong meeting in 1989. Thank you for your contributions to this planning effort.

Enclosure

cc:w/encl.

P. D. Jackson



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December 9, 1988

PLEASE RETURN TO THIS OFFICE WITHIN 2 WEEKS

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Southern Plains Area Research Leaders
Meeting of 1988

TO: RL's, LD's, CD's
Southern Plains Area

FROM: Floyd P. Horn
Area Director

Floyd P. Horn

As indicated during the RL Meeting, we want to get direct feedback from each of you regarding the strengths/weaknesses of the meeting. This information is critical to successful planning of future meetings, for it is primarily your needs we are hoping to accommodate. We have tried to make this questionnaire brief and easy to complete. The information is important to us, however, so please give some thought to each item and respond in a way which will help us all in the future.

A. General Aspects of the Meeting (Please check () as appropriate;
comments are optional)

1. This meeting of RL's, LD's, CD's was worthwhile:

(0) not at all; (14) somewhat; (23) extremely; (1) other

Comments:

2. Another such meeting should be held:

(0) never; (8) next year; (23) every year; (8) every other
year; (0) other

Comments:

3. Inclusion of Location Administrative Officers (LAO's) was:

(0) a waste; (11) useful at times; (22) important; (2) essential;
(3) other

Comments:

4. Emphasis on administrative matters was:

(1) less than desirable; (33) appropriate; (3) excessive

Comments:

5. Emphasis on research programs and excellence was:

(4) less than desirable; (32) appropriate; (0) excessive

Comments:

6. The length of the meeting was:

(0) too short; (14) too long; (24) appropriate

Comments:

7. The site (Houston) was:

(0) Unacceptable; (28) acceptable; (8) excellent; (2) other

Comments:

8. The facilities were:

(0) unacceptable; (14) acceptable, (24) excellent; (0) other

Comments:

9. Involvement of Headquarters personnel was:

(1) less than desirable; (34) appropriate; (2) excessive;
(1) other

Comments:

10. Involvement of the Area Director's Office personnel was:

(0) less than desirable; (38) appropriate; (0) excessive

Comments:

11. Involvement of the Area Administrative Office personnel was:

(0) less than desirable; (34) appropriate; (3) excessive

Comments:

B. Evaluation of Agenda Items

In this next section we want an indication of the value of agenda items in a generic sense. Please respond within the context of your recommendations for similar subject matter coverage in the future rather than within the context of a particular presentation this past year.

"U" = unimportant; "I" = important; "C" = critical (Circle one)

	U	I	C
1. NPS update (Dr. Gary Evans)	0	19	19
2. New Wang System (Dr. Darrell Cole)	14	22	0
3. Selected National Programs - (Dr. Doral Kemper)	6	23	7
(Dr. Lewis Smith)	7	21	8
4. Tour of CNRC (think in terms of touring future host facilities)	5	28	3
5. Selected Area Programs -			
CNRC (Dr. Buford Nichols)	0	32	6
Africanized Honey Bees (Dr. Anita Collins)	0	31	6
Russian Wheat Aphid (Dr. Bob Burton)	0	33	5
Models ALMANAC, EPIC, WERM (Dr. Clarence Richardson)	2	31	5
Screwworm Eradication (Dr. Bob Mangan)	1	30	7
6. Research Leadership, Team Building, and Innovations (Dr. Richard L. Witter)	2	17	17
7. Identifying Potential Leaders (Dr. R. Dean Plowman)	3	21	14
8. Recognizing Research Excellence (Dr. Clarence Richardson)	2	24	11
9. Technology Transfer and Job Satisfaction (Mr. Jim Hall)	8	28	2
10. Take Pride in America (Dr. Jim Webster)	9	28	2
11. Special Emphasis Programs -			
Federal Women's Program (Mrs. Ellen Moore)	5	30	2
Hispanic Employment Program (Mr. Raul Rivera)	5	27	4
12. Employee Relations (Ms. Connie Ambush)	2	27	7
13. Personnel Initiatives (Ms. Jane Giles)	1	26	9
14. Managing with Discretion Through FY 1990 (Mr. John Victor)	1	26	7
15. Post Doc Hiring and Placement/Secretarial Grade Levels (Ms. Cecelia Forsythe)	2	30	5
16. Financial Management Initiatives (Mr. Larry Wilson)	5	20	3
17. Fine Tuning Operation; Modernization; and Hazardous Communications Program (Ms. Pat Jackson)	4	30	2

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| 18. | National Initiative for Agricultural Research
(Dr. Neville P. Clarke, TAES) | 6 | 29 | 5 |
| 19. | HBCU-ARS Initiatives (Dr. Howard Waterworth) | 4 | 30 | 3 |
| 20. | Research at Prairie View A&M (Dr. Alden Reine) | 9 | 26 | 2 |
| 21. | Banquet
Comments: | | | |
| 22. | Informal Sessions
Comments: | | | |
| 23. | Community meeting space/time
Comments: | | | |

C. Ideas for future meeting/s

cc:
P. D. Jackson

